

Remarks

Currently pending are claims 16 and new claims 18-27.

Claims 1, 4 and 7-15 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1 and claim 17.

Claims 18-27 have been added to include the limitations of claims 4 and 7-15. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

**35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jollenbeck et al. (US 5,009,669). Applicants traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants incorporate herein by reference the arguments presented in the previously filed Responses to Office Action, filed October 22, 2009 and July 21, 2010 as to why claim 16 is not rendered *prima facie* obvious by Jollenbeck et al.

Furthermore, as Applicants describe in their current application, the problem of increased differential pressure during static dyeing frequently arises causing faulty or non-uniform dyeing to occur. Jollenbeck et al. neither teaches nor suggests static dyeing processes nor does it address the problem of increased differential pressure during such a process.

Nevertheless, Applicants have surprisingly found the differential pressure during static dyeing can be substantially reduced when components (A) and (B) are combined at

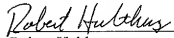
a weight ratio ranging from 19:1 to 3:1 then added to a solution containing a UV absorber. As demonstrated in the present application, when component (A) was not present in a solution containing the UV absorber and component (B), the differential pressure during static dyeing reached 1.4 bar (*see US 20070214582* at paragraph [0076], Example F1). However, when component (A) was combined with component (B) at the claimed weight ratio and then added to a solution containing the UV absorber, the differential pressure only reached 0.32 bar (*see id.* at Example F2). Even more surprising, when a solution containing components (A) and (B) was added to the Example F1 solution containing components (B) and the UV absorber (which had produced a differential pressure of 1.4 bar during static dyeing) the differential pressure only reached 0.11 bar (*see id.* at Example F4). The Applicants found this both surprising and unexpected and this is neither taught nor suggested in Jollenbeck et al.

Accordingly, claim 16 and all claims depending on claim 16 are not rendered obvious by Jollenbeck et al. and Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claim 16, and all claims depending on claim 16, be withdrawn.

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